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Addendum to OCA Memorandum (OCA 87-5738)--Your Meeting with Representatives Stokes/Hyde

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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Daniel A. Childs
Comptroller

SUBJECT: Addendum to OCA Memorandum (OCA 87-5738)--Your Meeting with
Representatives Stokes/Hyde

Dave Gries asked me to prepare an addendum to his memorandum on your meeting with Representatives Stokes and Hyde tomorrow--on the issue of GAO audit of CIA activities.

As you know, Senator Glenn and Representative Panetta have introduced similar Bills in their respective bodies authorizing GAO to audit CIA activities. Senator Glenn testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee last week on his Bill, and is apparently pressing Representative Stokes to support the Panetta Bill in the House.

This issue has been raised with Representative Stokes on a number of occasions in the past, but not recently. I gather he is generally sympathetic to our position, but might need some reinforcing in light of the Glenn pressure and the recent introduction of the Panetta Bill. I suggest you take the opportunity tomorrow to reinforce our opposition to GAO audit of CIA activities, along the following lines:

- Security: Raises serious concerns about security and the protection of sources and methods.
- Oversight: Would undermine House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence oversight responsibilities; and duplicate a capability the Committee is already taking steps to establish.
- Authority: Gives the Comptroller General excessively broad authority to undertake unrestricted self-initiated investigations/audits, and unrestricted access to all documents and records.

If you need anything else on this issue, please let me know.


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OCA 87-5738

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: David D. Gries, C-133
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Monthly Meeting on 17 November with
Representatives Stokes and Hyde

Your regular monthly meeting with Representatives Louis Stokes (D., OH) and Henry Hyde (R., IL), the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Intelligence Committee respectively, is scheduled for 17 November at 2 p.m. in Room H-405 at the Capitol. Also attending are Bob Gates and I and Tom Latimer and Tom Smeeton from the Committee Staff.

A summary of the last meeting with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde is attached at Tab A.

Suggested talking points follow:

-- Appearances before the Committee: I suggest that you open the meeting by expressing your appreciation for these periodic meetings with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde. Referring to your telephone conversation with Mr. Stokes on 10 November 1987, you can reassure him that you would welcome the opportunity to appear before the whole Committee at any time and hope that this can be arranged in the near future.

-- Committee call for a comprehensive examination of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques: On 4 November Mr. Stokes sent you a letter, signed by all Members of the House Intelligence Committee, calling for a comprehensive, critical examination throughout the Intelligence Community of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques.

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service. You can state that you share their concern with this serious problem and assure Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde that every effort will be made to conduct a thorough review so that we can remedy this situation.

-- Congressional Oversight: There are three issues involving proposals for further controls of the Agency with which you are already very familiar and which you will want to discuss with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde. These issues will be particularly pertinent given the fact that the Iran/Contra report will be released on the day of your meeting. The proposals include a statutory Inspector General and Senate confirmation of the General Counsel, both of which are recommendations contained in the Iran/Contra report. Furthermore, also on the horizon is the Panetta Bill which calls for the General Accounting Office to conduct audits of the Agency. We are against these proposals and you may wish to use this opportunity to express your opposition to them. Mr. Hyde at least has already expressed his opposition to the Panetta Bill, and we believe Mr. Stokes may share that opinion because the Bill would infringe on the responsibilities of our Oversight Committees.

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-- Disciplinary action against Mr. Brown and Mr. Wilson: If the opportunity presents itself, you may wish to raise the issue of whether Mr. Stokes has taken any action to discipline House Intelligence Committee Members George Brown (D., CA) and Charlie Wilson (D., TX) for their advertent or inadvertent leaks this past year. Mr. Stokes shared our consternation regarding these leaks and had said he was considering the best way to handle this problem.

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-- Congressman Brown's (D., CA) planned legislation to acknowledge the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO):
 Congressman Brown has approached Mr. Stokes concerning his desire to introduce a bill declassifying the NRO. We understand he cannot act unilaterally and must proceed through formal Committee procedures. Some House Intelligence Committee staffers indicate they do not oppose the plan since they reason the NRO has already been publicized in various press articles and is therefore now in the public domain. It might be useful to alert Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde of our concern about Mr. Brown's planned initiative and note that although the NRO has been publicized, official acknowledgment of the existence of the NRO will likely erode the security of other, still classified, aspects of the NRO and related activities.

cc: DDCI

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(Stokes/Hyde Monthly Meeting)
17 November 1987

- Appearances before the Committee
 - Committee call for a comprehensive examination of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques
 - Congressional oversight
 - Additional funding for Angola
 - Disciplinary action against Mr. Brown & Mr. Wilson
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- Congressman Brown's planned legislation to acknowledge the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

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